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Patent Application Transmittal

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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office
 of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled:

ENCIPHERING APPARATUS AND METHOD, DECIPHERING APPARATUS AND METHOD AS WELL AS
 INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

X Continuing Application

X Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part (CIP)
 of prior application serial no. 09/059,776, filed April 14, 1998.

[Note: If priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 involves a series of respectively copending
 applications, then in this amendment identify each and its relationship to its immediate
 predecessor.]

X The prior application is assigned of record to SONY CORPORATION.

The following are enclosed:

X Specification (51 pages)X 22 Sheet(s) of DrawingsX 70 Claim(s) (including 16 independent claim(s)) This application contains a multiple dependent claim

X Our check for \$ 2650.00, calculated on the basis of the claims
 existing in the prior application (less any claims canceled herein) as
 amended by any enclosed preliminary amendment as follows:

Basic Fee, \$710.00 (\$355.00)	\$ 710.00
Number of Claims in excess of 20 at \$18.00 (\$9.00) each:	900.00
Number of Independent Claims in excess of 3 at \$80.00 (\$40.00) each:	1040.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee at \$260.00 (\$130.00)	-0-
Total Filing Fee	\$ 2650.00

 Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 -0-

 This application is being filed within the month following the
 expiration of the term originally set therefor in the prior application.
 This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check
 covering the cost of the petition is enclosed. A copy of this paper is
 being submitted in parent application Serial No. as the Petition for
 Extension of time.

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X Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney

 New signed unsigned

X Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d))

Deletion of Inventors

 Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))

Power of Attorney or Correspondence Address Change

X Power of attorney and/or correspondence address was changed during prosecution of the prior application. The new power of attorney is to William S. Frommer, Reg. No. 25,506. The new correspondence address is:

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X Incorporation by Reference (for continuation or divisional application) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

X A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
(Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

X Cancel in this application original claims 14-15 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

X New formal drawings are enclosed.

X Certified copy of each foreign priority application on which the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is based was filed in prior U.S. application serial no. 09/059,776, filed April 14, 1998. A list of said foreign priority application(s) is provided below. Acknowledgement thereof is requested.

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>In</u>
9-106136	23 April 1997	Japan

Please charge any additional fees required for the filing of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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